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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: STUART A. SANDERS ET AL. Docket No.: 01-414

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the office action mailed February 25, 2003, setting a three (3) month shortened statutory period for response which expires on May 25, 2003, amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 16 to read as follows:

16. (Amended) A gas turbine engine seal system comprising:

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